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FOREWORD

WITH the co-operation of the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Society of Scribes and Illuminators has brought together for this Exhibition a very interesting series of Addresses, Diplomas and Hon. Freedom Scrolls, both of the past and of our own time, in order to acquaint the public as much with the antiquity of the custom they illustrate as with the beauty of penmanship aimed at and attained in their execution ; so showing once for all that there is no need for the modern presentation address to be " a work without the slightest beauty or character, with meaningless flourishes of bad design and worse colour," to quote from *The Times* of April 9, 1926.

The presentation of Addresses or Hon. Freedoms on various occasions to persons of distinction is a custom deeply implanted in our national life and well worth preserving, and it was with the desire of re-establishing a tradition of fine craftsmanship in the production of documents as much as of manuscript books, that the Society of Scribes and Illuminators was founded shortly after the War.

Of such documents of past time the earliest yet found is a large book in the British Museum written 1335-40 in Latin verse, and presented by the town of Prato to Robert of Anjou, King of Naples.

Certain City Companies admitted Honorary Freemen as early as the 14th century. To Honorary Freemen occasionally an illuminated scroll is presented, but it is not known at what date the custom began. The earliest of these scrolls in this Exhibition is one granted by the City of London in 1782.

It will be readily noticed that the Georgian and early Victorian Addresses are written with a pointed pen and pressure, forming what has been called the " copperplate " or engraver hand, ancestor of the ordinary copy-book script ; note, for example, Nos. 36, 48.

Edward Johnston began the new movement towards fine writing, and reintroduced the chisel-edged quill pen with its thick and thin strokes made without pressure ; note, for example, Nos. 57, 79.

It is apparent in every-day life that interest in the craft of the calligrapher is increasing, and it is noticeable that the better understanding of formal and semi-formal writing sets an ideal for what is to many of us our only craft—the world-wide craft of common hand-writing.

The thanks of the Society are due to H.M. the King, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, and the many owners who have generously lent works for this Exhibition ; also to the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum for the ample space provided and for most helpful co-operation.

LOUISE POWELL.

No. 48. *Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Grocers' Company to Charles, Marquis Cornwallis,* 1792. *Executed by Thomas Tomkins and Sharpe.*

CATALOGUE

ROOM No. 72

IN THE EXHIBITION CASES

1. License to practise medicine granted to Fidelis de Fidelibus. Venice, 1546. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
2. Diploma granted to Peter Paul Traconalea, as Doctor of Philosophy and Medicine. Padua, 1679. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
3. Diploma granted to Plinius de Russitis, as Doctor of Philosophy and Medicine. Padua, 1607. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
4. Diploma granted to William Harvey, M.D. Padua, 1602. Lent by the Royal College of Physicians.
5. Diploma granted to Dr. Prichard Mead, M.D. Padua, 1695. Lent by the Royal College of Physicians.
6. Diploma granted to Dr. Matthew Lepi, M.D. Padua, 1683. Lent by the Royal College of Physicians.
7. Diploma granted to Marcus Sexlerus, as Doctor of Philosophy and Medicine. Venice, 1778. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
8. Diploma granted to Ludovico Ferro, as Doctor of Philosophy and Medicine. Padua, 1705. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
9. Diploma granted to Francisco Henry Lochiensi, M.A., M.B., by the University of Montpellier. 1681. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
10. Agreement between the Masters and Governors of the Barbers and Surgeons of London and Robert ffinley, 1717. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
11. Diploma granted to Sir Thomas Browne by the Royal College of Physicians, 1665. Lent by the Bodleian Library.
12. Diploma to Christopher Love Morely, 1679. Lent by the Royal College of Physicians.
13. Diploma of Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London. Granted to Thomas Lawrence, 1665. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.
14. License to practise as an apothecary granted to Jacobus Vianello. Venice, 1722. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

15. Diploma creating Giovanni Battista Celotti, Doctor of Philosophy and Medicine of the College of Philosophers and Physicians of Venice, 1789. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

16. Diploma of Doctor of Medicine, Oxford. Granted to Thomas Lawrence, 1743. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

17. Diploma and license to practise as an apothecary, granted to Franciscus Zanadio. Venice, 1778. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

18. Certificate of perpetual Vows of a Dominican Nun, Convent of Our Lady and St. Dominic, Sevile, 1732. Lent by Mr. A. Van de Put.

19. Diploma and license to practise as an apothecary, granted to Joseph Francesconi. Padua, 1806. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

20. Diploma granted to Lorenzo Renzi by the University of Bologna, 1809. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

21. Certificate awarded to José Johan da Costa by the Army Superintendent, for medical services rendered. Lisbon, 1806. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

22. Diploma and license to practise as an apothecary, granted to John Loregiola. Padua, 1806. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

23. Burgess ticket of Glasgow to Thomas Hinchliff, 1776. Lent by Miss K. M. Hinchliff.

24. Commission appointing Richard Hassall as Army Surgeon. London, 1852. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

25. Diploma granted to Antonio Canedi by the University of Bologna, 1813. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

26. Diploma granted to Antonio Canedi by the University of Bologna, 1810. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

27. Diploma granted to Renzi Lorenzo di Saludecio, 1809. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

28. Diploma granting degree of Doctor of Surgery to Girolamo Calvi. University of Pavia, 1811. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

29. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Admiral Lord Keith, 1801. Executed by Thomas Tomkins and Sharpe. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.

30. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Major-General Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart., G.C.B., 1845. Executed by Hadland. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.

31. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington, K.G., 1815. Executed by Thomas Tomkins. Lent from the Chamberlain's Office, the Guildhall.

32. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to John Silvester, Esq., 1808. Executed by Thomas Tomkins and Sharpe. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.

33. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Stephen Lushington, Esq., M.P., 1820. Executed by Huxley. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.

34. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to the Rt. Hon. Robert Peel, 1829. Executed by Walter Paton. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.

ON THE WALLS

35. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol to Admiral Lord Hood, 1783. Lent by Lord Hood.

36. Address executed by S. Richardson, aged 14 years. Scholar of the Writing School of Christ's Hospital, 1798. Lent by Christ's Hospital.

37. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of Dublin to Dr. Edward Jenner, 1804. Executed by George Harvey. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

38. Address from the town of Youghal, in Ireland, to William Spencer, Duke of Devonshire, 1822. Lent by the Duke of Devonshire.

39. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to H.R.H. The Duke of Sussex, 1816. Lent from the Chamberlain's Office, the Guildhall.

40. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to the Rt. Hon. Lord Hood, 1782. Executed by Thomas Tomkins. Lent by Lord Hood.

41. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Dr. Jenner, 1803. Executed by Thomas Tomkins. Lent by the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum.

42. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Mercer's Company to Lieut.-General Lord Hill, 1814. Executed by Thomas Tomkins and Sharpe. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Mercers.

43. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Commodore Nelson, 1797. Executed by Thomas Tomkins. Lent from the Chamberlain's Office, the Guildhall.

44. Address on the occasion of H.M. Queen Victoria's visit to the City in 1837. Lent by Christ's Hospital.

45. Address commemorating the laying of the foundation-stone of new buildings of Christ's Hospital by George IV, 1825. Lent by Christ's Hospital.

46. Address on the British Government, executed by Charles Butler, aged 15 years, scholar of Christ's Hospital, 1803. Lent by Christ's Hospital.

47. Address to James Palmer from Christ's Hospital, 1824. Executed by John Moore. Lent by Christ's Hospital.

48. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Grocers' Company to Charles, Marquis Cornwallis, 1792. Executed by Thomas Tomkins and Sharpe. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Grocers.

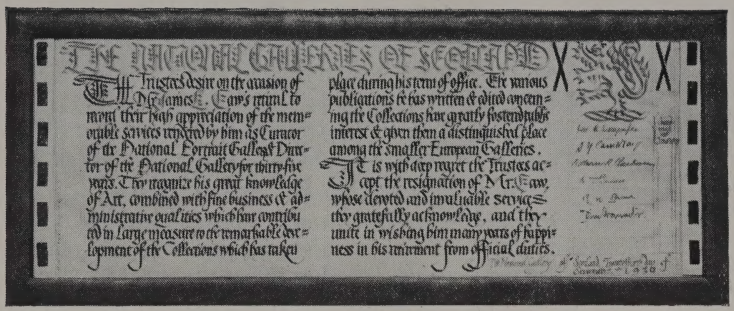
49. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to the Rev. David Livingstone, 1857. Executed by F. R. Cox. Lent from the Chamberlain's Office, the Guildhall.

50. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Baroness Burdett Coutts, 1872. Lent from the Chamberlain's Office, the Guildhall.

51. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Grocers' Company to Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Bart., 1854. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Grocers.

52. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Sir Robert Sale, 1844. Executed by Walter Paton. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.

53. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the City of London to Thomas Clarkson, 1838. Executed by Walter Paton. Lent from the Library of the Guildhall.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The Trustees desire on the occasion of
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record their high appreciation of the mem-
orable services rendered by him as Curator
of the National Portrait Gallery & Direc-
tor of the National Galleries for thirty-five
years. The magnitude his great knowledge
of Art, combined with fine business & ad-
ministrative qualities which have contribu-
ted in large measure to the remarkable dev-
elopment of the Collections which has taken
place during his term of office. The various
publications he has written & edited on these
same Collections have greatly fostered public
interest & given them a distinguished place
among the smaller European Galleries.
It is with deep regret the Trustees ac-
cept the resignation of Mr. Caw,
whose devoted and invaluable service
they gratefully acknowledge, and they
unite in wishing him many years of happi-
ness in his retirement from official duties.

No. 57. To James L. Caw, Esq. 1930. Executed by Edward Johnston.

ROOM No. 71

IN THE EXHIBITION CASES

54. Book conveying the Hon. Freedom of the Fishmongers' Company to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 1920. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

55. Address to Miss Chute Ellis from the Plumpton and District Women's Institute. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by Miss Chute Ellis.

56. Address to the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke, 1912. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by Miss Evelyn Brooke.

57. Address to James L. Caw, Esq., from the National Galleries of Scotland, 1930. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by Mr. James Caw.

58. Address to John Monteath, Esq., from the West Stirlingshire Unionist Association, 1925. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by Mr. John Monteath.

59. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Skinners' Company to the Rt. Hon. Archibald, Earl of Rosebery, K.G., K.T., 1909. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Skinners.

60. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Skinners' Company to the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., 1918. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Skinners.

61. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Fishmongers' Company to Field-Marshal Viscount French of Ypres, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., etc., 1916. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by Colonel E. G. Hippisley Cox.

62. Address to the Rt. Hon. Henry John Moreton, Earl of Ducie, from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Gloucestershire, 1912. Written out and illuminated by Louise Powell, gilded by Graily Hewitt. Lent by Lord Ducie.

63 & 64. Address to J. K. J. Hichens, Esq., from members of the Stock Exchange, 1907. Written out and illuminated by Louise Powell, gilded by Graily Hewitt. Lent by Miss E. A. Hichens.

65. Address to Professor Selwyn Image on his appointment to the Slade Professorship of Fine Arts in the University of Oxford, 1910. Written out and illuminated by Louise Powell, gilded by Graily Hewitt. Lent by Mrs. Selwyn Image.

66. Address to Frank Wacher, Esq., J.P., from the East Kent and Canterbury Conservative Club, 1913. Executed by Graily Hewitt and Louise Powell, with Heraldry by Geo. Kruger Gray. Lent by Dr. Frank Wacher.

67. Address to Sir George Chamberlin, D.L., J.P., on the occasion of his 80th birthday, 1926. Executed by Graily Hewitt and Ida D. Henstock. Lent by Mr. G. L. Chamberlin.

68. Address to Professor Selwyn Image on the occasion of his 80th birthday, 1929. Executed by Graily Hewitt and Ida D. Henstock. Lent by Mrs. Selwyn Image.

69. Address to the Archbishop Baron Davidson of Lambeth, on the occasion of his golden wedding, 1928. Executed by Graily Hewitt and Ida D. Henstock. Lent by Lady Davidson.

70. Address to Frederick V. Burridge, Esq., on the occasion of his retirement from the post of Principal of the L.C.C. Central School of Arts and Crafts, 1930. Executed by Graily Hewitt and Ida D. Henstock. Lent by Mr. F. V. Burridge.

71. Hon. Freedom Certificate of the City of London to the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., 1923. Executed by H. J. Manwaring. Lent by Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

72. Hon. Freedom Certificate of the City of London to the Marquis of Reading, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., etc., 1927. Executed by H. J. Manwaring. Lent by Lord Reading.

73*a*. Hon. Freedom Certificate of the City of London to the Rt. Hon. James Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., 1930. Executed by H. J. Manwaring. Lent by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

73*b*. Hon. Freedom Certificate of the City of London to the Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, M.P., 1925. Executed by H. J. Manwaring. Lent by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

74. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Company of Armourers and Brasiers to the late Viscount Cave, 1927. Executed by H. J. Manwaring. Lent by Mr. Edmund Cave.

75. Address to Sir Gilbert Barling, Bart., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., from the University of Birmingham, 1915. Executed by the late Ernest Treglown. Lent by Sir Gilbert Barling.

76. Address to Sir George Kenrick from the Birmingham Education Committee, 1921. Executed by the late Ernest Treglown. Lent by Sir George Kenrick.

77. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Merchant Taylors' Company to Randall Thomas Davidson, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, 1928. Executed by Graily Hewitt. Lent by Lady Davidson.

78. Address to Lady Worsfold from the members of the South Eastern Area Committee, 1924. Executed by M. C. Oliver. Lent by Lady Worsfold.

79. Address to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales from the Synthetic Ammonia and Nitrates, Ltd., 1930. Executed by M. L. Hodgson, with title page by M. C. Oliver. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

80. Address to the late Lord Melchett of Landfort from the Synthetic Ammonia and Nitrates, Ltd., 1930. Executed by M. L. Hodgson. Lent by Violet Lady Melchett.

81. Address to Alfred Welby, Esq., J.P., 1924. Executed by M. C. Oliver.

82. Address to Sidney Skinner, Esq., from the Staff and Students of Chelsea Polytechnic, 1928. Executed by M. C. Oliver. Lent by Mr. S. Skinner.

83. Address to John Henry Quinn, Esq., from some Chelsea friends, 1928. Executed by M. C. Oliver. Lent by Mr. J. H. Quinn.

84. Address to John D. Revel, Esq., on leaving the Chelsea School of Art, 1925. Executed by M. C. Oliver. Lent by Mr. J. D. Revel.

85. Address to H.M. The King from H.R.H. The President and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund, in connection with the Thank-offering Fund for the King's recovery, 1929. Executed by H. L. Christie and Daisy Alcock. Lent by H.M. The King.

86. Address to David Grier, Esq., 1925. Executed by Hilda Gulliver.

87. Address to Miss F. M. Purdie from the Paddington and Maida Vale High School, 1930. Executed by Sybil H. Butcher. Lent by Miss F. M. Purdie.

88. Address to John Walter, Esq., and Mrs. Walter, from the parishioners of Bear Wood, 1927. Executed by Alfred J. Fairbank. Lent by Mr. John Walter.

89. Address to Sir George Henschel on his 80th birthday, 1930. Executed by Dorothy Hutton. Lent by Sir George Henschel.

90. Address to James Meadows Rendel, Esq., from the Guardians of the Parish of St. Mary Abbotts, Kensington, 1930. Executed by Dorothy Hutton. Lent by Mr. J. Rendel.

91. Letter of Hon. Membership to Hilary Jenkinson, Esq., F.S.A., from the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, 1926. Executed by Alfred J. Fairbank. Lent by Mr. Hilary Jenkinson.

92. Address to Mrs. Greg on her departure from Westmill, 1927. Executed by Alfred J. Fairbank. Lent by Mrs. Greg.

93. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from Sidney University, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

94*a*. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

94*b*. Address to R. Phené Spiers, Esq., on his retirement as Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy, 1905. Decorations by Alan Vigers, Lettering of dedication by Graily Hewitt, Portrait by Sir C. Holroyd. Lent by Mr. R. A. H. Spiers.

95. Address of Hon. Fellowship to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales from the Royal Institute of British Architects, 1921. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

96. Address to Sir H. Walford Davies from the Musical Club, Aberystwyth University College, 1926. Executed by B. Holmes. Lent by Sir H. Walford Davies.

97. Address to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales from the City of Chester, 1926. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

ON THE WALLS

98. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Fishmongers' Company to General Garibaldi, 1864. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers.

99. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Fishmongers' Company to H.R.H. Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, 1876. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers.

100. Address to the Rt. Hon. Sir Benjamin Hall, Bart., from the Parish of St. Marylebone, 1859. Lent by Lord Treowen.

101. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the University of Louvain, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

102. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the University of Groningen, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

103. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the University of Lausanne, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

104. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the University of Durham, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

105. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the Royal College of Physicians, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

106. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the Royal College of Surgeons, 1902. Lent by the Bodleian Library.

107. Tercentenary Address to the Bodleian Library from the University of Copenhagen, 1902.

108. Addresses to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales from H.M. The Emperor of Japan, in Japanese and English, 1922. Executed by Yoshihito. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

109. Address to the Rt. Hon. J. W. Wilson from the members of the Phosphorus Convention, 1927. Executed by Professor Anna Simons. Lent by J. W. Wilson, Esq.

110. Presentation to Miss Louisa Puller from the Society of Scribes and Illuminators, 1926. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by Miss L. Puller.

111. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Fishmongers' Company to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 1919. Executed by Edward Johnston. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers.

112. Address to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales from the Denbighshire County Council, 1923. Executed by M. C. Oliver. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

113. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Fishmongers' Company to H.R.H. The Duke of York, 1926. Executed by H. J. Manwaring. Lent by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers.

114. Hon. Freedom Scroll of the Merchant Taylors' Company to the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., 1925. Executed by Graily Hewitt. Lent by Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

115. Address to W. H. Ansell, Esq., 1928. Executed by M. C. Oliver. Lent by Mr. W. H. Ansell.

116. Tercentenary Address to the Royal College of Physicians from the University of Birmingham, 1928. Lent by the Royal College of Physicians.

117. Hon. Freedom Scroll of Stoke-on-Trent to the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., 1928. Executed by Gordon M. Forsyth. Lent by Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

118. Address to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales from the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, 1926. Lent by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

119. Address to the Rev. Frederick Smithson. Executed by M. H. Robinson.

120. Tercentenary Address to the Royal College of Physicians from the University of Malta, 1928. Executed by V. Laurenza and Jos. Samut Tagliaferro. Lent by the Royal College of Physicians.

121. Address delivered by Post-Master Selwyn Image before the Art-Workers' Guild, 1909. Executed by Graily Hewitt. Lent by the Art-Workers' Guild.

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